

Mantis Lemonade

The mantis
decided on a stop for lemonade
near the city park stand run by a luminous
green and gold gecko in
tuxedo, who seemed to wonder if
the sun would set sooner than later
and if the mantis would like a new bit
of blueberry and lemon mix he made
when he found a blueberry tart abandoned next to
the canal and got an idea
about pulling fresh berries from a bush he knew
near the railroad.

The mantis quietly observed the new stuff
and decided with a gesture to try it.
A small glass of the blueberry mix was prepared by the gecko
while the mantis paid with a tiny marble
made from sapphire glass and small white swirls,
hidden
under its wing.

A toast was given and the mantis enjoyed the
new drink, thinking how excellent it was that
the gecko did something fun
and tasty, so close to games and exhibits.
All was well, indeed,
and time went on.